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Sir :

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 8, 2001, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

The following references were cited in European Search Report and Annex (submitted herewith) for Application No. EP 00119976.9. The Examiner is referred to the European Search Report for an indication of the relevance given by the European Examiner to the cited documents relative to the claims of the European Application.

European Patent Application No. EP 0 841 399 A2.

PCT Publication No. WO 95/31544.

MacEwan, D., et al., Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 124, No. 9, (February 26, 1996).

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to

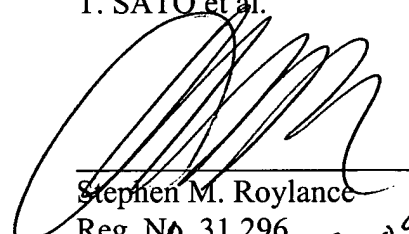
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make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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